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TWO PARENT-TEACHER CLUBS ORGANIZED

Mrs. Eugene Crutcher, President Tennessee Mothers' Congress, was at Rome Wednesday afternoon and at Rock City in the evening. She organized Parent-Teacher Clubs at both places with the following officers in charge: Rome—Miss Virgie Purnell, Pres.; Misses Birdie Neal and Bonnie Simpson, V. Pres.; Mrs. Curry Wilson, Sec.; Mrs. John Caplebar, Treas., and for Rock City—Mrs. G. O. Moore, Pres.; Mrs. J. B. Norris, V. Pres.; Miss Virgie Duke, Sec.; Miss Burke Gann, Treas.

The next meeting will be had at Rock City Friday, Aug. 25, and the Rome Club will meet Friday, September 1st.

CARTHAGE HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 4TH.

The Carthage High School has announced the date of its opening as the first Monday in Sept. Indications point to the largest enrollment in the history of the school, and an addition to the faculty has been made in anticipation of increased attendance. The list is as follows:

Albert Williams, Principal, Mathematics.

Miss M. Estella Welty, English.

Prof. G. B. Thackston, Science and Agriculture.

Prof. Theodore Boyd, Languages.

Miss Tula C. Adcock, Domestic Science.

Miss Lucy Williams, Intermediate.

Miss Lena Douglass, Primary.

Miss Lena Webb, Music.

Miss Mary Webb Beasley, Expression.

Miss Rettie Ensor, Art.

MRS. T. J. MCCLARDE BUYS HUDDLESTON HOUSE AT HICKMAN

A business deal of much interest is the purchase of the Huddleston House at Hickman, which has recently made by Mrs. T. J. McClarde. The Huddleston House which was established some time ago by F. W. Huddleston, is recognized as one of the best hotels in the upper country, and with its new owner in charge it is now expected to share a larger patronage than ever before.

For a number of years Mrs. McClarde was in Carthage in charge of the Hotel Walter. Some months ago, however, she moved to Nashville where she has been conducting a hotel and boarding house. Though Mrs. McClarde gets immediate possession of the hotel at Hickman, it is not expected that she will move to the property for some time yet.

Bass-Gibbs.

A wedding of much interest was that of Mr. J. L. Bass and Miss Linnie Gibbs which occurred Wednesday August 16, at the home of the bride. Rev. T. H. Hinson of near Grant officiated in the presence of the members of the immediate families.

The bride is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gibbs of near Bluff Creek and the groom is a promising young business man of New Middleton. Both are popular young people, and have many friends who congratulate them.

Smith-Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bates of Hickman announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lela, to Mr. Marshall A. Smith, the wedding to take place in October.

LIST OF WINNERS IN BETTER BABY CONTEST

In the Better Baby contest held under the auspices and direction of the Carthage Fair August 19, with Mrs. Sam Pickering as chairman, Little Miss Martina Savage Taylor, the beautiful little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor of Monroville, won first prize for the girls, making a score of 89, while Mary Chapman, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chapman of this city, came second with a score of 88.5. Rutledge Key Kittrell, the splendid little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kittrell, won the highest score for the boy with an average of 96.5, and James Curry Wilson, Jr., came second in the boys contest with a score of 95.5.

There were two prizes offered for the girls—the first prize being given by T. E. Armistead and was a gold locket and chain. The second prize was given by John Taylor and was likewise a beautiful locket and chain. The prize for the boys was \$5 and was given by J. B. Chapman.

Those in charge of the contest were fortunate in securing Dr. C. D. Robbins of Gordonsville to examine the babies, thereby assuring the parents an impartial and competent examination and in every respect up to the present-day standard.

CRIMINAL COURT WINDS UP LARGE DOCKET

Criminal Court, which has been in session for the past week with Judge J. M. Gardenhire presiding, wound up a large docket Wednesday, disposing of some forty cases, committing six to jail and using as a pass word \$50 and costs. Attorneys General Officer and Mitchell were present and, as usual, their work was effective in behalf of the state. The grand jury, with John Conditt of Elmwood as foreman, returned about sixty true bills.

GORDONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 4

The Gordonsville High School will open its 1916-17 session Monday, September 4. President T. A. Early of the P. T. I. at Cookeville will be present and deliver the opening address.

Visitors Entertained

Misses Margie and Mary Beasley delightfully entertained Tuesday evening at the home of their parents, Esq. and Mrs. J. E. Beasley of Riddleton, to compliment Misses Bertha and Lela Parker of Alexandria and Miss Dora Lovell of Nashville, their attractive guests. The parlors were tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers and dancing and cards were enjoyed. Featuring the evening was a musical program by Miss Cassie Duke on the violin accompanied on the piano by Miss Mary Price, the rendition of the Rosary being especially beautiful. Other musical numbers by talented musicians were also enjoyed. On arrival of the guests, which numbered about forty, frappe was dispensed by Misses Queen Hazzard and Neill Beasley, and later an ice course was served. Adding to the pleasure of the occasion was the presence of Misses Minnie West of Deaford, Bessie Copas of Difficult, and Lonnie Jones of Springfield, popular guests in the city. Other entertainments are being planned in their honor.

ALEXANDRIA FAIR, September 7, 8, and 9.

CARTHAGE FAIR WAS THE BEST EVER HELD

True to announcement in advertisements, there was plenty of water and no dust at the Carthage Fair last week. The fair exhibits opened up auspiciously Thursday morning and all went well so far as the weather was concerned until about one o'clock in the afternoon of the first day, when the elements opened and a deluge of rain fell for hours. On Friday morning the weatherman was good enough to wait until most of the crowd had assembled to renew his action of rain, which began about ten o'clock and continued for hours. There was no rain on Saturday, the last day, however, and as a consequence the fair had a record breaking crowd, the estimate of the number in attendance being between 3000 and 4000.

It was, indeed, a great fair. In fact it was the most successful exhibit in the history of the Carthage Fair Association. Thursday morning one of the grandest live stock shows that was ever witnessed at a country fair was exhibited, consisting of cattle and mules. In the beef cattle rings were the famous herds of L. H. Gwaltney and Hugh Moss of Hickman and Bradley Bros., of Lock 7. In these herds were a number of State Fair winners and the judging proved to be a difficult for Mr. Morgan Hurt, an expert cattle man from Sumner county, who had charge of the rings. The mule shows on the same date also brought about some interesting and warm contests to be decided by Mr. Hurt, assisted by Bob Morris, an expert mule man from Sumner county. Estes & Carpenter of New Middleton also had prize winners

in the beef cattle rings. The dairy herd exhibited by W. H. Carpenter of New Middleton received much favorable comment and was an interesting number of the exhibit. Splendid type of hogs, sheep and poultry were shown.

The rings of Friday and Saturday were featured by the country's best types of horses, and many strong contests were decided by Mr. Alex Patterson, an experienced horseman from Bowling Green, Ky., assisted by Mr. J. H. Grissim of Lebanon. In fact all the exhibits in the live stock rings at the Carthage Fair this year were composed of the best specimens of animals in the Upper Cumberland section.

As usual, the floral hall was overflowing with a magnificent collection of articles of needlework, culinary arts and agricultural exhibits. The floral hall retained its reputation of being one of the greatest shown by a country fair any where.

The musical concerts for the fair were furnished by one of the best bands that has ever come to Carthage. The band was composed of accomplished Nashville musicians, selected by Mr. George Cooper. On account of the wet and muddy condition of the track, the large ostrich, one of the free attractions, was put to a great disadvantage and was unable to trot anything like his usual speed. The high diver, however, created a sensation by making his leap every day. The large crowds were in excellent humor at all times and the Fair was better than ever before and the officers of the Association announce that they are going to make it much better next year.

STATE SUPT. SHERRILL OFFERS SUGGESTIONS

My dear Superintendent: We are all agreed as to the necessity of a compulsory attendance law. The Legislature has done its duty in giving us such a law. If we are not reaping the good intended for us by our lawmakers the fault can be placed at the door of the school people. I hope you are doing everything within your power to be a blessing to the children of your county by insisting upon the enforcement of this law.

Blacks have been furnished you by which you can get information from your teachers as to whether or not the children are in school. May we not expect that you insist upon your teachers complying with the regulations as found in section 6 page 90 of the School Law?

If this Department can in any way assist you in enforcing this law we shall be glad to do so.

Any board of directors wishing to enforce this law can do so by appointing an attendance officer.

Very truly yours,
S. W. SHERRILL,
State Superintendent.

Undergoes Operation

Mrs. L. B. Williams of Nashville where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. Mr. Williams left for Nashville Wednesday morning to be at her bedside. Reports are to the effect that she will have sufficiently recovered by Saturday to return home.

Efficient muzzling of dogs will eradicate rabies?

PARENT-TEACHERS MEET AT ELMWOOD, TENN.

One of the best of its kind was the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association at Elmwood on Tuesday. This organization, organized a little less than a year ago showed very plainly that its efforts had a wide spread effect in that community by the fact that one of the largest crowds that ever attended anything of the kind gathered in the school house through the entire day and showed very plainly that they were not only interested but enthusiastic.

Miss Alma Ford presided over the meeting and every talk seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed, from the welcome address by Uncle Joe Cardwell to the remarks by Dr. High just before Bro. Marshall dismissed them. Dr. Coile and Mrs. Rutledge Smith seemed to fit their remarks just in line with the thoughts of the audience as did Prof. Albert Williams. And whenever the crowd seemed to be the least bit bored Mr. Heckman would immediately put them in a good humor with his splendid bass voice. But perhaps the crowning feature of the entire day was the splendid lunch served by the young ladies of the community which in goodness was unsurpassed.

A WONDERFUL CAVE NEAR LANCASTER, TENN.

Just at this time when our neighbors across the waters are engaged in warfare with each other, thereby depriving sight seeing America the privilege of visiting the old world and seeing her wonders, our slogan has become "See America First." Fortunately for our own blessed country, there has been discovered recently by Harry Fisher and Mitchell Warren, on the farm of William Bellar and on the waters of the beautiful Caney Fork river near Sebowisha a cave which is a wonder. This cave will be known as the Long Lost Rip Van Winkle cave. Not surpassing in magnitude the noted Mammoth cave of Kentucky, with it already surveyed 250 miles, but in many respects far surpassing in scenic grandeur the Mammoth cave. It is indeed a wonder. To describe it would take many days of close observation. I do not wish to detract from the many distinctions given the Mammoth cave, which it rightfully deserves, but will mention a few attractions of this cave. This will be hard to do at this time on account of there being many departments yet unexplored. From the river, we pass up what might be called the Cork Screw—150 feet—to entrance of the cave, every part of which is a veritable art gallery of marvelous beauty and attraction. At first we pass through a narrow passage of 170 feet, called "The Fat Man's Misery," into the main cave. There we find walls of solid masonry reaching to the heights of 100 feet; then the Hall of Fame, the Tunnel, the Crystallized Cataract, the Theatre Hall and Stage, the Capitol Dome, the Bridal Veil, the Bridge of Sighs, the Wedding Bells; and to the west room, to describe minutely, would be impossible.

This cave will be open every Sunday for the pleasure and benefit of sightseeing people, and will be conducted by C. (Neil) Fisher of Lancaster, conductor and owner.

WILSON TURNER.

Observers are convinced that peace is not within sight yet in Europe.

SMITH COUNTY BANK BUILDING IS NEARING COMPLETION

A distinct credit to the town of Carthage and the Upper Cumberland Country is the Smith County Bank building which is nearing completion and which will be ready for occupancy by October 1. It is a 2-story brick, 84x32, with fire-proof windows, situated in one of the most desirable sections of the town, it being just across Main Street from the court house and directly north of the Carthage Drug Co. The front presents a very attractive and handsome appearance, it being of brick with large stone columns reaching almost to the top of the building.

The first floor will be used exclusively for banking purposes, and will be elegantly furnished in mahogany. It will contain three vaults—one for the safekeeping of valuables belonging to its customers, one for storing old papers, and one for the bank's moneys, books, etc. In the rear are two rooms—one will be used for a private office for the cashier and the other for a directors' office. The floors are of tile and hardwood, and the rooms will be electrically lighted and heated with hot air. On the second floor are six offices which will be for rent. When finished, the building will be one of the most convenient and comfortable in this section of the state and will rank with the city bank buildings.

This marked progressive step will be gratifying to the many friends and patrons of the Smith County Bank and a substantial compliment to those at the head of this splendid institution. Mr. Julian Fisher, its cashier, and Messrs. L. B. Flippen and Floyd Robinson, its assistants, are gentlemen of rare ability in the banking business, and the bank's steady growth is due to their courteous and appreciative attention to its customers.

YOU CAN'T KEEP THESE SMITH COUNTAINS DOWN

News has been received here that Mr. J. W. Vaden of Roff, Okla., was nominated in a democratic primary election on Aug. 1st to represent Pontotoc county in the next General Assembly of Oklahoma.

Mr. Vaden formerly lived in Smith county and he has many friends here who will rejoice to learn of his election. Reports are that he had to make a strong fight for the position, but in spite of his 74 years of age he waged a most active campaign and won by a margin of something like 30 votes.

Mr. Vaden is expected to be in Carthage about September 1st to make his annual visit to his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Flippen, and other Smith county relatives and friends.

For-Rent.

Will rent small, cheap house and lot on my farm, where you can keep chickens, cows and pigs; within a few hundred yards of High School. Just the thing for those desiring to move to town to school children.

W. E. MYER.

ACTION OF SINGLE SPOONFUL SURPRISES MANY

Carthage people who bought the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as ADLER-KA, are surprised at the INSTANT effect of a SINGLE SPOONFUL. This remedy is so complete a bowel cleanser that it is used successfully in appendicitis. ADLER-KA acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. ONE MINUTE after you take it the gases rumble and pass out. THE CARTHAGE DRUG CO.